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In re application of  
Hendrik Fredrik Stoltz

Re: IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO CONTAINERS  
AND METHODS OF PRODUCTION THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that prior to first examination on the merits, the subject application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-51 (cancelled).

Claim 52 (new).      A hollow preform for moulding to form a container and having an open end, an axially outermost extremity of said open end, and a shoulder inside said preform at said open end, having a radially innermost diameter less than the internal diameter of said outermost extremity, and serving to have sealingly attached thereto a foil for closing said container at said shoulder.

Claim 53 (new).      A preform according to claim 52, wherein said shoulder is of planar form and extends in a radial plane.

Claim 54 (new)      A preform according to claim 52, wherein said shoulder is of rounded form.

Claim 55 (new).      A preform according to claim 52, wherein said shoulder is of frusto-conical form and co-axial with said open end.

Claim 56 (new).      A preform according to claim 55, wherein said shoulder is inwardly converging.